

SENATE BILL 220

By Powers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 1, Part 1 and Title 39, Chapter 13, relative to juvenile offenders.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-131, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(e)

(1) Notwithstanding this section to the contrary, a juvenile who is adjudicated delinquent for conduct that, if committed by an adult, would constitute one (1) of the offenses set out in subdivision (e)(3) may be committed to the department of children's services for a period of one (1) year.

(2) This subsection (e) does not prohibit the court from:

(A) Transferring a juvenile to whom this section applies to adult court to stand trial as an adult as provided in § 37-1-134;

(B) Extending the term of commitment beyond one (1) year; or

(C) Ordering any other dispositional alternative.

(3) The offenses to which this subsection (e) applies are:

(A) Rape, as prohibited by § 39-13-503;

(B) Aggravated rape, as prohibited by § 39-13-502;

(C) Rape of a child, as prohibited by § 39-13-522; and

(D) Aggravated rape of a child, as prohibited by § 39-13-531.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to acts committed on or after that date.